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subjecting the surface to a detector for sensing the surface for an irregularity in the smoothness of the surface;

directing, on detecting an irregularity beyond a predetermined amount, a burnishing laser output to that irregularity; and

energizing the laser to thereby impart an energy source to reduce the irregularity to a degree less than a predetermined amount.

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6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 5 including feeding back measurements of the irregularity as an output to thereby regulate the laser power so that the irregularity is reduced to a predetermined amount.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the media surface is a disc surface.

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8. (Amended) An apparatus for cleaning a media surface comprising:

a detector for sensing the surface for an irregularity in the smoothness of the surface;

a burnishing laser for direction to that irregularity on detecting an irregularity beyond a predetermined amount; and

means for energizing the laser to thereby impart an energy source to reduce the irregularity to a degree less than a predetermined amount.

9. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 8 wherein the laser is from a pulse laser.